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AND 37 CFR 1.494 OR 1.495**

1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494), an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is **ACCEPTED** for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are

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DATE OF RECEIPT OF
35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4) REQUIREMENTS

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3. A request for immediate examination under 35 U.S.C. 371(f) was received on _____ and the application will be examined in turn.

4. The following items have been received:

U.S. Basic National Fee
 Copy of the international application
 Translation of the international application into English
 Oath or Declaration of inventor(s)
Copy of Article 19 amendments Translation of Article 19 amendments into English
The Article 19 amendments have not been entered

The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any
Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER)

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Preliminary amendment(s) filed _____ and _____

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Copy of the International Search Report and copies of the references cited therein
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